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Classified By: Ambassador John A. Cloud for 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Vytautas Leskevicius, Director of the MFA's Security Policy Department, told us July 11 that the GOL will maintain the current number of its Lithuanian trainers in support of NATO Training Mission-Iraq (NTM-I). Leskevicius also said the GOL is considering making a financial contribution to the training mission trust fund of EUR 50,000-100,000. Given our ongoing discussions with the GOL about its future MNF-I mission (ref B), we thanked Leskevicius for the GOL's willingness to consider a new financial contribution, and asked that these two issues be kept separate. CLOUD